

Gerunds and infinitives 1

- Identify the equipment in pictures a–o, and name each sport.
- With a partner ask and answer these questions.
 - What sports do you really enjoy watching?
 - Is there a sportsperson or team who you particularly like watching?
 - Which sport can't you stand watching?
 - Which sports have you either taken up or given up recently?
 - Which do you prefer – watching a sport live or watching it on TV?
 - Are there any sports you like doing on holiday?
- A gerund, which is a verb used as a noun, always ends in *-ing*, but not all *-ing* forms are gerunds. An *-ing* form might be a present participle or an adjective. What is the *-ing* form in these sentences?
 - I pulled on the climbing rope to show I was safe.
 - Anna was running along the track when she tripped and fell.
 - Snowboarding is a very popular sport.
- Look at these sentences:
 - I enjoy going swimming.
 - After learning to ice skate, I'm going to learn to play ice hockey.
 - I want to take up rowing.
 - Climbing is a fairly safe sport nowadays.
 - It's not worth going to watch our local football team because they always lose!

Find an example of a gerund above which:

- follows a preposition.
- is the subject of the sentence.
- follows an expression.
- follows a verb.
- follows a phrasal verb.



- When we put a verb after a preposition, we usually use a gerund. Complete the following sentences with a preposition and one of the verbs in the box.

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- She was doubtful to the training session on time.
- Steve is very proud to scuba dive so quickly.
- I've been very successful my cousins to ride their bikes.
- Mark was in trouble his muddy sports clothes on the changing room floor.
- I believe some exercise every day in order to keep healthy.
- You don't have to be good to enjoy it.
- I'm looking forward against her again in tomorrow's match.

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